

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Fanny Hobson will leave town in a few days for Philadelphia, going later to Chester, Pa., to be the guest of Miss Rachel Hannum for several weeks. Miss Hobson will be one of the bridesmaids at the Donaldson-Hannum wedding, which will take place just after Easter, and some very pretty entertaining has been planned in honor of the bride-elect and her attendants.

At the Woman's Club, Ben B. Valentine gave an author's reading before the members of the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon. Mr. Valentine's poems have won for him no small reputation, and his dialect writings are far and away above the average, in which subtle humor and pathos are charmingly blended. The readings, but his name yesterday were replete with long-loved pictures.

His audience received him with a round of applause, and Mrs. Lefroy introduced him as one whom the club will give its best to honor. Mr. Valentine's speech was very quaint and bright with pleasant imagery. Through the medium of his verse one caught a vision of the "great house" with the moonlight streaming through oak groves, heard again the sound of the middle playing a real time, and the rustling of satin gowns across a polished floor. Some were golden with butterflies and fragrant with the roses of old gardens and unforgotten poses, and others were bright with bits of dark philosophy.

It was a charming afternoon, crowded with delightfully humorous thoughts created by a cultured and interesting man. On Wednesday afternoon at half-past 4 o'clock, Miss Augusta Daniel will talk on "Architecture," this being one of a series of talks that she is giving at the club. Dr. J. C. Metcalf will give his lecture on "The Letter in Literature" at the club on Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Dr. Metcalf's lecture was postponed from last Friday evening until this time.

The annual business meeting will be held at the club rooms on Monday afternoon, March 10, at 4 o'clock. Visitors' cards will not be good upon that occasion, as only members are expected to attend.

Children's Party. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Miss Ella Hinford will give a party this afternoon at the school house in Glinter Park in honor of the members of their dancing classes there. All the children in Glinter Park are expected, though no invitations have been issued, and the affair will be a very interesting and delightful one. There will be music and all sorts of attractive favors for the children, and a number of unique games to amuse the little people present.

Going Abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Alexander Bruce expect to leave for England some time in April. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce expect to remain abroad for the next several years for the education of their daughter, who will accompany them to Europe.

At the Art Club. Mr. Bruce will give an interesting and instructive talk at the Art Club of Richmond this afternoon on the subject of "Stained Glass." The lecture will begin at half-past 4 o'clock, and tea will be served by the house committee immediately following Mr. Bruce's talk.

These Tuesday afternoon lectures and talks that take place each week at the Art Club have become most interesting.

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interesting and delightful affairs, and the club rooms are thronged with guests for these occasions.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. John William Dietrich announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nell, to Edward L. Jones, formerly of this city, but now of Chicago. The wedding will be celebrated at high noon, March 11, at the home of the bride, 1311 Bainbridge Street, South Richmond.

Mikado Notes.

Rehearsals for "The Mikado," the big amateur opera to be given here April 1, 2 and 3 for the benefit of the Belle Bryan Day Nursery, are progressing beautifully.

The addition of several excellent voices has made the chorus unusually complete, and the cast is doing splendid work.

H. Goodwin Boykin will take the part of Katisha, an elderly lady of Japan, whose hand is won by Ko-Ko, Prince of Chichibu. The three maids will be charmingly presented by Mrs. Norman Call, Miss Emily Wade and Miss Mary Covington Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Featherstone will take the part of the Lord High Everything. Mr. and Mrs. Call, as Fish-Tush, Charles Harris, the Mikado, and Ralph Ludwig, Nanki Poo.

The general manager has received numerous demands for boxes and orchestra seats, but has refused to reserve any, as there will be no private sale of seats. Tickets can be obtained at the regular price of 50c for performance, which is to be held on April 1, 2 and 3. The date and place of sale will be published later.

Meetings To-Day.

The Branch R. Allen Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting this morning at 10 o'clock in the parlors of Murphy's Hotel. All members are urged to be present, as business of importance will be discussed at this meeting.

The general meeting of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will be held this morning at 11 o'clock in the John Marshall House. A full attendance is desired.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held this morning at 11 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall. All members of this chapter are asked to be present.

The regular meeting of the Council of Jewish Women will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the basement of Temple Beth Shalom. The following program will be presented: Address on equal suffrage, Mrs. E. B. Valentine, vocal solo, Mrs. Jasper L. Rowe. A social hour will follow and all members and friends of the council are cordially invited to be present.

In and Out of Town.

Miss Bessie Harrison has gone to Norfolk, where she is the guest of Mrs. Frank Wilton.

Mrs. Richard Brown, of Oxford, N. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Selton Taylor, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Scott and Miss Isabel and Elizabeth Scott are in Washington for a few days' stay.

R. W. Thompson, who has been quite sick at his residence, 1414 Haver Avenue, is now slowly improving.

Mrs. George E. Wise and Miss Bessie French are the guests of Miss Katherine Perry, at her home, Massachusetts Avenue, in Washington, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Green returned from their trip to New York and on the South Jersey coast.

Miss Ethel Evans and Miss Louise Watts have gone to Washington, where they will spend several days with friends.

Mrs. John H. Ingram has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Arrington, in Greenville, S. C.

Miss Mary E. Duncanson, of Barton Heights, left yesterday for Washington, to spend several days.

Miss Fanny Scott will shortly visit friends in Philadelphia for several weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. James J. Mills have returned to Baltimore, after spending the week-end in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Thalhimer are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goldsmith, in Washington.

Bernard Shepherd, of this city, is spending a few days with relatives in Waynesboro.

Mrs. J. M. Gregory and her daughter, Imogen, of Forest Hill, are spending several days in Washington.

Mrs. Herbert W. Jackson and her daughter, Miss Evelyn Jackson, are the guests of Mrs. Albert Pike, in Washington.

Mrs. E. Garrett Meier and children, Forest Hill, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Adams, in Alexandria.

Mrs. William O. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Phillips left Sunday for a short stay in Washington.

Mrs. James D. Spencer and Miss Anne W. Gentry, of this city, have gone to Washington to spend a week.

Miss Jennie Hinds, of this city, went to Washington on Saturday, where she is the guest of friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Herman G. Partor are visiting the parents of the bride, Captain and Mrs. Morgan R. Mills, at their home on Jefferson Park.

SHOULD PROVIDE AGAINST STRIKES

Samuel Rea Urges Importance of Amendments to Erdman Act.

MANY SUGGESTIONS MADE

Tells Why Railroads Agreed to Submit Difficulties to Arbitration.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

New York, March 3.—Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, declares in the sixth annual report of that company that the railroads agreed to submit their difficulties with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen to arbitration under the Erdman act rather than "impose upon the country, railroads and employees the lamentable consequences of a general strike, involving over fifty railroads, having over 25 per cent of the mileage and nearly 40 per cent of the total operating revenues and operating expenses of all the roads in the United States."

"Considering the magnitude of the interests in this country," says President Rea, "and those countries with which it has commercial relations that would be affected by the interruption of railroad traffic, and the serious results that would ensue therefrom; the stoppage of food supplies, fuel and other traffic; the consequent distress and suffering to the general public, whose interest is paramount, and to the workers in other industries dependent on the transportation service; and in no way remediable by railway disputes, and the failure of strikes to produce any permanent advantages to either the employees and their families or to the transportation companies, careful consideration should be given to the recommendations for the amendment of the Erdman act which have been made from so many sources interested in the well-being of the country."

"The experience arising from these larger wage controversies places a serious responsibility upon those whose duty it is to enact proper legislation governing the relations between employer and employee, to consider whether the Erdman act should not be amended to increase the number of arbitrators, and thereby constitute a board of sufficient size to properly represent the public, as well as the parties of the controversy, and to direct the necessary fact-finding investigations and fully share the responsibility of an impartial determination of the equitable and economic questions arising from such disputes. It will also be necessary to provide a longer time than thirty days, specified in the act."

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In his remarks to shareholders President Rea stated that it will be necessary to provide a capital for the \$1,222,500 ten-year gold convertible 1 1/2 per cent bonds, which matured November 1, 1912, and for \$9,735,000 of collateral trust loan 4 1/2 per cent bonds, due June 1, 1913, together with maturing equipment trust obligations, and also for new construction work, the extensions and improvements of terminals, tracks and facilities and the purchase of equipment. New financing is under consideration, but no decision has been reached as to the form or extent of the proposed financing.

President Rea stated that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company owned securities at \$331,909,154, which produced direct income during the year of \$14,527,491. At the end of the year it owned \$29,155,886 par value of stocks, and \$14,462,400 par value of bonds. During the twelve months the company increased its holdings of Norfolk and Western Railway Company stock to \$4,788,160 through conversion of a like amount of Norfolk and Western convertible bonds. It also acquired \$3,900,000 Pennsylvania terminal real estate stock.

Rea states that in view of the increased expenditures of the railroads, together with the fact that they have in many instances been the pioneers in the development of towns, cities and territories served by them, it must begin work, and in so doing propose that the railroads be burdened with the entire cost, or undue proportion of the cost of eliminating grade crossings.

The company paid out \$446,375 in pensions during the twelve months. Stockholders will be asked to authorize an increase in the annual sum set apart for pension purposes from \$700,000 to \$750,000.

Judge Chambers Chosen.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, March 3.—Judge William L. Chambers, of this city, former chief justice of the International court at Samoa, a member of the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, has been chosen as the third arbitrator in the wage dispute between the Eastern railroads and their firemen. The other arbitrators are W. W. Atterbury and Albert Phillips. Judge Chambers is a native of Alabama.

Highland Park to Have Gas Supply

Town Council Passes Ordinance and Authorizes an Advertisement for Bids.

Ordinances providing for a general gas franchise, together with the method of granting it, were approved last night by the Town Council of Highland Park at a special session. Competitive bids will be advertised for immediately, in order that the town can be supplied as soon as possible.

The franchise to be granted follows the lines adopted by the Light and Water Committee last Monday afternoon, when representatives of the Henrico Gas Company submitted a sample franchise for consideration. A grade of gas, with the government standards as a basis, must be supplied. Within thirty days after passage of the ordinance, the concern whose bid is accepted must begin work, and in three months after starting it must be ready to supply all consumers upon certain specified streets, which practically include the entire town. Such reasonable extensions, as may from time to time be demanded, must be made. Penalties for the enforcement of the franchise are provided and will constitute a prior lien on the property.

The Henrico Gas Company is the only known concern in the field. It has a gas plant at Barton Heights, which was erected at a cost of \$100,000 to extend the line and lay mains in Highland Park will mean an outlay of about \$25,000. The life of the franchise is placed, by law, at thirty years. The company must be ready to furnish gas at the rate of \$1.10 for the first five years. It must furnish house connections and meters, but is given the option of requiring a deposit of \$5 to apply for advance payments on gas to be consumed. By the terms of the ordinance an office must be maintained in a central place in the town.

Bids must be in writing and accompanied by a certified check for \$1,000. Before beginning any work the company receiving the franchise must deposit a bond of \$2,000, to be forfeited if the franchise is not completed within the specified time.

The franchise as approved is not an exclusive one. A competing concern could secure another at the discretion of the Town Council. At the expiration of thirty years, the town has the privilege of assessing the property and taking it over for its own use.

THIEVES TAKE STOCK OF GROCERIES, THEN ABANDON VEHICLE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Wilmington, N. C., March 3.—Once more has the boldness of thievery won infesting Wilmington asserted itself. This time a large loaded delivery wagon and horse were stolen.

The wagon and horse were property of the People's Supply Company and were finally located, having been abandoned by thieves, but the groceries that had been in the vehicle for delivery were all missing, the thieves having made away with this plunder.

Trouble has now arisen in the Police Department over the presence of a negro detective, who has been employed in efforts to run down blind tigers, mostly negroes and of the bootleg variety. The white police have become dissatisfied and raised a protest.

DAYS OF USEFULNESS PROBABLY AT AN END

Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasovitch Seriously Ill With Acute Malady.

BY LA. MAIRQUE DE FONTENAY.

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS NICHOLAIOWITCH, who is in supreme military command of the metropolitan district of St. Petersburg, which includes Finland, Novgorod, Archangel, Esthonia and Livonia, and who is also commander-in-chief of the Corps d'Elite and flower of the Russian army, namely, the divisions known as the Imperial Guard, is seriously ill. For several years past he has been suffering from a renal malady, which of late has become so acute as to render it impossible for him to stand for any length of time on his feet, much less to mount a horse, and which prevents him from fulfilling his military duties. As all remedies have failed, it would seem that his days are numbered and that at any rate his usefulness as the principal military defender of the throne and dynasty is at an end.

Enjoying a well deserved reputation for integrity, the grand duke is renowned in army circles throughout Europe as the leading cavalry commander and expert of his day. He greatly distinguished himself in the war against Turkey in 1877, and if he did not proceed to the front during the conflict with Japan, it was because the situation at home was so extremely serious, especially in the capital, where blood flowed in the streets, and where the grand duke stood that his duty was to remain in the city.

He has taken a very active part in the radical organization of the Russian army and of its various services, since the Manchurian campaign came to an end, and has been particularly vigorous in his pursuit and punishment of that dishonesty and corruption which became so manifest during the conflict with Japan, handicapping Russian operations in the field.

Whereas other members of the imperial family have not only obstructed the Emperor's liberal reforms during the last few years, and have even gone so far as to endeavor to discredit him both at home and abroad, Nicholas Nicholasovitch has always stood loyally by the Emperor's side, holding aloof as far as possible from politics, restricting himself to military matters, mere sovereign control of the army and navy, without undue interference in the legislature, and not to sacrifice too much of his dynastic rights to the people.

The grand duke has been the de facto generalissimo of the entire Russian army for the past seven years. The Emperor has learned to rely upon him, and his disappearance would be a very serious loss, both to the throne and to the house of Romanoff. It is his latest and most distinguished looking prize, although the cut of his very gray pointed beard and turned-up mustache gives him a

slightly Mephistophelian appearance.

He is the son of the late Grand Duke Alexander II., and who commanded Russia's military forces in the Balkans during the war with Turkey, in 1877, in that grand duke the last said the better. His nephew, Alexander III., signaled his advent to the throne by depriving him of all his commands and by banishing him to his estates, where he died unmourned, discredited and well on for nothing.

His wife, whom he had made supremely unhappy, ended her days in a convent at Kiev, renowned for the severity of its rules and regulations. His last child, with only little property and enormous liabilities.

The poverty of his eldest son, Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholasovitch, came to an end when he contracted a private marriage with the extremely wealthy heiress, the daughter of the Duke of Leuchtenberg, a Russian nobleman and striking looking woman, of the tall Jousqueque type, her forehead, raven tresses, heavily marked eyebrows, perfectly modeled nose, small, straight, large and very lustrous eyes, straight, firm, classical mouth and chin, cheeks firm and round, and intensely expressive and sensitive nostrils, indicating Balkan birth and origin. She was the daughter of a Russian nobleman, married him, having been entirely separated from the Duke of Leuchtenberg for years before she divorced him, and is an elder sister of Queen Helen of Italy. They have no children.

In all the obituaries of Lord Nelson, who died at the great age of ninety, on February 25, it is stated that the hereditary pension of \$25,000 a year granted to his heirs, the Duke of Trafalgar, had expired, having been granted for three lives only. This is a mistake. For by the act of Parliament, to George III., cap. 116, it was provided that the pension should continue as long as there was any bearer of the title of Earl Nelson, only ceasing when the peerage, by reason of the failure of male heirs, becomes extinct. The pension of \$25,000 should continue as long as there was any bearer of the title of Earl Nelson, only ceasing when the peerage, by reason of the failure of male heirs, becomes extinct.

The new Earl Nelson's brother has no less than five sons, and therefore he has a number of cousins, all in the line of succession. Even should all these descendants of the second Earl Nelson die out, the peerage, the hereditary pension and the Trafalgar estate would fall to the heirs male of the great admiral's younger sister, Catherine Nelson, wife of George Matham, of Ashford Lodge, Slough, Surrey, who has a long line of descendants. Under the circumstances, therefore, there is every prospect that the English Treasury will be called upon to pay the Nelson pension for many years to come.

Nor is the new earl descended from the great admiral's elder brother, as implied by the obituaries. True, the earldom, the Trafalgar House estate and the \$25,000 annuity were vested in this reverend brother of the admiral, after the latter's glorious death in the battle of Trafalgar. But as this first Earl Nelson's only son predeceased him, the peerage, the pension and the Trafalgar House estate were devised so as to descend to his death to the heirs male of his elder sister, Susanna Nelson, married to Thomas Bolton, and falling such heirs to those of his younger sister, Mrs. Matham, above mentioned.

The second earl was the son of Mrs. Bolton and nephew of the great admiral, and the new Earl Nelson is his grandson; a great-grand-nephew, therefore, of the victor of Trafalgar.

The Baron de Chassiron, who has just been gazetted as a bankrupt in London, is in spite of his French name and title, to all intents and purposes an Englishman. For he is the son of the late Princess Caroline Murat, granddaughter of Joachim Murat, King of Naples, and of Caroline Bonaparte, sister of the First Napoleon. Caroline Murat, born and educated at Bordentown, N. J., became infatuated after her arrival in France with a Baron de Chassiron, a very good looking, courteous, French officer of ancient family and much to the disgust of her family, including her cousin, Louis Napoleon, then President of the French republic, and soon afterwards Emperor Napoleon III., she insisted upon marrying him. Baron de Chassiron died in 1871, and a few years later she married John, Garden, of Redisham, one of the big landowners and county magnates of Suffolk, dying at Redisham about eight years ago. She recently came before the public rather prominently, in connection with a particularly venomous book of memoirs, in every line of which her intense aversion to Empress Eugenie is apparent. Princess Caroline survived Mr. Garden for a number of years, and on her death bequeathed him a large sum of money and property to her son by her first marriage. He married not long ago the widow of the Rev. William John Crichton.

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HER FRIENDS HARDLY KNEW HER

But This Did Not Bother Mrs. Burton, Under the Circumstances.

Houston, Texas.—In an interesting letter from this city, Mrs. S. C. Burton writes as follows: "I think it is my duty to write and tell you what your medicine, Cardui, the woman's tonic, has done for me."

It has done me all the good in the world. I was down sick with womanly trouble, and my mother advised several different treatments, but they didn't seem to do me any good. I lingered along for three or four months, and for three weeks, I was in bed, so sick I couldn't bear for any one to walk across the floor.

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